

Thavung language

Thavung or **Aheu** is a language spoken by the Phon Sung people in Laos and Thailand. There are thought to be some 1,770 speakers in Laos, largely concentrated in Khamkeut District. A further 750 speakers live in 3 villages of Song Dao District, Sakon Nakhon Province, Thailand, namely Ban Nong Waeng (in Pathum Wapi Subdistrict), Ban Nong Charoen, and Ban Nong Muang ^[3].

Thavung makes a four-way distinction between clear and breathy phonation combined with glottalized final consonants. This is very similar to the situation in the Pearic languages in which, however, the glottalization is in the vowel.^[1] (<http://sealang.net/mk/vietic.htm>)

Further reading

Suwilai Premsrirat (1996) Phonological characteristics of So (Thavung), a Vietic language of Thailand (<http://sealang.net/sala/archives/pdf8/suwilai1996phonological.pdf>)

References

Thavung	
	Aheu
Native to	Laos, Thailand
Native speakers	700 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vietic ▪ Thavung
Dialects	Ahoe Ahao Ahlao
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	thm
Glottolog	aheu1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/aheu1239) ^[2]

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